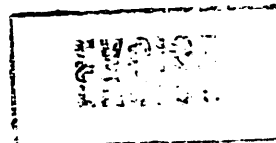


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EO 12065 RDS-1 3/19/91 (DUNNIGAN, T.J.) OR-M
TAGS: SREF, UMHCR, AF, NL, PK
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

REF: STATE 64833

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2. ENBOFF CALLED ON

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MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED REPTL, AND LEFT TALKING
POINTS FROM PARAS 3, 4 AND 8 WHICH SHE PROMISED TO
REVIEW AND SEE THAT THEY WERE CIRCULATED TO THE
APPROPRIATE PEOPLE. VAN DEN ASSUN QUOTED FROM A STAFF
PAPER ON AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF WHICH EXPRESSED MFA
CONCERN, AND THEN SAID THAT SHE WAS "QUITE SURE" THAT
A SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM
THE GON. SHE UNDERLINED THAT SHE IS NOT IN POSITION TO
OFFER GUARANTEES BUT, BARRING A NEW DISASTER WHICH
MIGHT ABSORB MORE OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE,
IT WAS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT THE GON WOULD PROBABLY
MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTION AROUND EARLY APRIL.
(SHE CAUTIONED THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A DELAY
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3. ONE PROBLEM WITHIN THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN GETTING PEOPLE TO FOCUS ON THE AFGHAN PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE TREMENDOUS PRESSURE BEING APPLIED TO GENERATE FUNDS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN AFRICA (ICARA). HOWEVER, THE MEDIA HAVE HARDLY MENTIONED THE AFGHAN SITUATION WHILE GIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO AFRICA AND CAMBODIA. NEVERTHELESS, /

ANTICIPATES THAT THE LEVEL OF THE DUTCH CONTRIBUTION FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES WILL EQUAL THAT OF LAST YEAR.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE _____ DREN ATTENTION TO THE RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL OF THE NETHERLANDS CONTRIBUTION LAST YEAR SO AS TO REMIND US THAT THE DUTCH HAVE ALREADY BEEN QUITE GENEROUS AND HOPEFULLY WILL NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR ADDITIONAL PRESSURE. DUNNIGAN

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